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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of January 16, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

Please note that this Amendment is submitted in the new format authorized by the notice published in the Official Gazette of February 25, 2003.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that he telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE
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